

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 10, 2018

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

(RC)

**Present:** Mayor Colin Read, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Peter Ensel (W4), Patrick McFarlin (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Spoke about severe windstorm we had recently our first responders were incredibly busy everyone did a great job and the major Fire on Sunday and thanked all for their work probably the biggest emergency response we've had in a long time.

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council held on May 3, 2018 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Ensel  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 9, 2018 in the amount of \$ 548,330.28 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report from the Building Inspector's office for the week of April 30-May 4, 2018
- Minutes from the Governance, Strategy & City Operations Committee held on May 3, 2018

**• COUNCILOR/DEPARTMENT CHAIR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Governance, Strategy, and City Operations-** Chair Councilor Kretser gave updates during work session.

**City Infrastructure** – Chair Councilor Ensel gave updates during work session.

**Finance and Budget** – Chair Councilor Kelly indicated Finance Committee meets next week.

**Public Safety** – Chair Councilor Dowdle indicated no updates.

**Plattsburgh Public Library** – Chair Councilor Armstrong indicated no updates.

**MLD - MLD Board President Councilor McFarlin** indicated no updates.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and any written reports are placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending May 11, 2018 in the amount of \$ 1,009,137.39 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

(All in Favor/opposed)

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None**

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**Motion to remove item 7A from the Table**

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion: Yes

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council adopts the City of Plattsburgh Code of Conduct.

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up Action:

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Department of Public Works to prepare and submit all necessary plans, documents and permits to the appropriate agencies for the approval of a small boat marina located at Wilcox Dock at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

By Councilor Ensel; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves extending Contract # 2017-8 "Sludge Hauling for WPCP" until May 31, 2019 with Drummac Septic Service for the total lump sum price of \$186,224.48.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves extending Contract #2017-09 "Instrumentation-Water Pollution Control Plant/Water Filtration Plant" until June 27, 2019 with Total Control System Services Inc. for the total lump sum price of \$36,212.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Water Pollution Control Plant permission to advertise for Contract # 2018-04 “Electrical Services for the City of Plattsburgh/Water Pollution Control Plant.”

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves creating Capital project in the amount of \$300,000 for design and bid of “Water Pollutions Control Plant Dewatering System Upgrades.” Funding will be from the Sewer Reserve.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves and authorizes executing contract for engineering services for design of “Water Pollution Control Plant Dewatering System Upgrades” with CDM Smith in the amount of \$251,900.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to advertise for bids for PMLD Bid #2018-5-1 “Substation Batteries.” Bid Opening date: June 12, 2018 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**I. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid No. 2018-3-1 “Pole Top Three Phase Switches” be awarded to Irby Company in the amount of \$49,782.60.

By Councilor McFarlin; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**J. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a consulting contract with the Finch Network for Grant Services involving Consolidated Funding Applications (CFAs) in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to be expensed out of the Community Development Budget.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor McFarlin  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**This item was tabled during City Infrastructure Committee until more information is received.**

**K. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with "Plattsburgh Little League, Inc." to replace the current backstop on the little league baseball field at South Platt Park. Per the agreement, the City would need to dig holes and install support poles and the Little League will provide and install the netting, padding and will perform the annual installation/removal of the netting. The cost to the City of Plattsburgh for the work associated with this agreement will be approximately \$950.00 and will be expensed out of DPW.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

**ACTION TAKEN:** Tabled  
Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

**Councilor Ensel added the following for Initial Consideration:**

**Resolved:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign Technical Services Change Order Number 2 “Durkee Street Site Management Plan Monitoring” in the amount \$2,300.00.”

**Motion to waive Rule 4 for Initial consideration:**

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
Discussion: None

**Resolved:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Mayor to sign Technical Services Change Order Number 2 “Durkee Street Site Management Plan Monitoring” in the amount \$2,300.00.”

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**10. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNCILOR REPORTS: None**

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY TOPIC:**

**Alexandria Elliott** spoke about and submitted in to minutes resolution entitled “Climate Inheritance Resolution.”

[Further discussion ensued]

**Unidentified Speaker** spoke about climate concerns, high lake level and volunteered to serve on a committee.

**Unidentified Speaker** commended and thanked Municipal Lighting Department for doing a great job getting power back after storm.

**Mayor Read** mentioned it is very dangerous work too and these individuals were out for the entire storm I don’t think they slept for 36 hours. One of the MLD Supervisors came back early from vacation to help.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Ensel

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Ensel, McFarlin, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:53 pm**

*Item added under Initial  
Consideration*

**Date:** May 10, 2018

Mayor Colin L. Read  
Members of the Common Council  
41 City Hall Place  
Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901

**Ref:** Request for Permission for  
Mayor to Sign Amendment No 2.  
For Durkee Street Site Management Plan Monitoring

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

It is requested that the Mayor be authorized to sign Amendment No. 2 for Contract "Durkee Street Site Management Plan Monitoring" With C.T. Male Associates. The total estimate for the work is \$6,373.33, however, there remains 4,124.34 in their contract, therefore, this is an amendment to the contract in the amount of \$2,300.00. The work is to perform groundwater sampling, analysis, and annual inspection as required by the NYSDEC in accordance with the Environmental Restoration Program and Department approved Site Management Plan dated August 2007.

Respectfully,



Arsene M Brodi,  
Superintendent of Public works

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## TECHNICAL SERVICES CHANGE ORDER

NUMBER: **002**

DATE OF ISSUE: March 26, 2018

PROJECT NAME: Durkee Street ERP Site Management Plan Monitoring  
PROJECT NO. 14.4705

CLIENT'S NAME: CITY OF PLATTSBURGH

CLIENT'S ADDRESS: 41 City Hall Place  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

CLIENT CONTACT: ADAM FRAZIER

This Change Order incorporates changes and/or additions to the original Scope of Services for Contract Agreement dated October 28, 2014. All Provisions of Agreement in the original signed Contract Agreement apply to this Change Order, unless otherwise specified herein.

### A. DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

Complete Annual Site Management Plan Surface Inspection and Groundwater Monitoring per C.T. Male's December 6, 2016 Proposal in accordance with the following estimated fee schedule:

- Environmental Geologist or Scientist to perform annual inspection, and groundwater purging and sampling	Est. 24 hrs @ \$92/hr	\$2,208.00
- Laboratory Analysis	11 samples at \$90/ea	\$ 990.00
- Prepare Annual Inspection & Groundwater Sampling Summary Report	Lump Sum	\$2,300.00
- Purged Groundwater Disposal, If Required (includes coordination and disposal fee)	Budget	\$ 600.00
- Expenses (supplies, mileage, etc.)	Budget	\$ 275.00

### B. CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE:

Original Contract Price .....	\$14,100.00
Contract Price after previous Change Order .....	\$20,333.33
Net Change in Contract Price due to this Change Order .....	\$2,300.00
New Contract Price including this Change Order .....	\$22,633.33



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APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY:

**CITY OF PLATTSBURGH**

**C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING,  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Name: Jeffrey A. Marx, P.E.

Title:

Title: Project Manager/Sr. Env. Engineer

## Climate Inheritance Resolution

A Resolution expressing the commitment of the Plattsburgh City Common Council to protect the children and grandchildren of this community from the risks of climate destruction.

WHEREAS, the United States is the only country in the world withdrawing from the landmark Paris Climate Agreement, leaving the responsibility of countering climate change to state and municipal governments;

WHEREAS, the greatest burden resulting from an inadequate response to the climate crisis will be carried by the youngest generation, and all who follow;

WHEREAS, the risks from an inadequate response are potentially devastating, and include economic and environmental disruptions many of which are already being felt such as more severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands;

WHEREAS, climate change is expected to increasingly impact New York's temperature and precipitation with harmful consequences on birds, including shifting and shrinking habitats in coming years, putting over 100 bird species at risk, including Plattsburgh favorites like Ospreys, Baltimore Orioles and Caspian Terns;

WHEREAS, a specific goal to reduce carbon emission will speed the transition to cleaner forms of power, like wind and solar, spur new innovative technologies to capture carbon from traditional sources of power and reduce energy usage, help combat climate change and help preserve and protect Plattsburgh's environment including important bird habitats;

WHEREAS, leading climate scientists have indicated that further delay in significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions will rapidly push humanity past the point where disastrous consequences can be avoided;

WHEREAS, numerous governmental and non-governmental bodies across the nation and the world have already adopted climate action plans to immediately and rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also stopping them entirely within 25 years;

WHEREAS, a just transition to renewable power and renewable energy will create high-quality, family sustaining jobs in the STEM field;

RESOLVED, that Plattsburgh City Common Council commits to working constructively, using ingenuity, innovation, and courageous determination to complete a Plattsburgh Climate Action Plan for consideration that significantly reduces Plattsburgh's

greenhouse gas emissions to levels that would protect our community’s children, grandchildren, birds, the places where we work, live, and play, places that we all share, from the risk of climate destruction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Plattsburgh City Common Council commits to start the Plattsburgh Climate Action Plan creation process within 30 days, and to complete it as soon as possible, and that plan will include net zero carbon emission in the power and electricity sector by 2040;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a mechanism will be created for the ongoing inclusion of young people in the process of creating and executing climate related policies and actions.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ with a quorum present.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Endorsing Clubs and Organizations

Plattsburgh High School Green Team

350.org Plattsburgh

Audubon New York

Climate Reality Project: North Country Chapter, NY

SUNY Plattsburgh Environmental Action Committee

Green Storm: Saranac Lake High School's  
Environmental Club

# Petition Signatures

The following signatures were collected electronically at the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLUAPLsim1RktUZR0KjL-FCBJe1mU21r3VyYpi-s8zqi8mMg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLUAPLsim1RktUZR0KjL-FCBJe1mU21r3VyYpi-s8zqi8mMg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Signatures:

Rebecca Laurent

Sharon Bell

Lisa Newton

Adam Guillette

Mike Mertens

Wendy Bridges

Carly Jacob

Kyle Visoky

Emma Stewart

Leanna thalmann

David Shumway

Eric Steckler

Emily Burke

Devon

Christopher Nicholson

Stephanie Gray

Timothy Robert Lyman

david yocum

Patricia A Blanchard

Yes

Vern Witherbee

Gwen Thomas

Amber Desjardins

Tim Palmer

Timothy Nolan

Elise Baer

Sage Lewandowski

Lisa Bergmann

Mary-Alice Shemo

Brian Houghton

Donna Herbold

Of course and I sit in on Town of Altona board meetings all the time.

## Let City Council Know How You Feel About Climate Action....

It's awesome.

As the federal government ignores the established science on climate change, it is important for state government, local government, and individuals to combat climate change.

Climate Change is one of the most important issues for my generation and future generations and we need to do whatever we can to combat the issues and take actions today and every day going forward! Needs to be taken seriously and is extremely important

Yes

This beautiful Earth is our home. Let's take care of it.

I would like the city to start incorporating more green energy. Using funds to help local businesses be green!

Climate change is one of the most important issues facing humanity. But it is not just a global issue. Foremost, it is a local issue. At home, we ought to be living out what we believe, rather than waiting for what we believe to take place on its own time. This means actively making plans to divest from climate-change causing activities, goods, and services; and wherever and whenever possible, replacing these activities, goods, and services with sustainable alternatives. This means actively envisioning what we want the future of our city to look like. Again, rather than waiting for the world around us to provide the vision, we may take the initiative to start on our own to paint tomorrow's picture for our community. In this way, we may immediately begin to implement solutions which will eventually lead to our community being sustainable. In whole, let's source goods and resources locally and sustainably.

We have no choice. It is our responsibility as humans to act on climate change.

It will benefit our beautiful planet and better the lives of all creatures that inhabit it

It is real, action will only happen on the local level. Plattsburgh does a good job leading by having hydropower by there is more we can do

We must react to climate change. We have to act collectively to lower our contribution to CO2 emissions and environmental degradation.

It is of the utmost importance. I will fight for my life.

We need to do everything we can to provide fewer greenhouse gases, reduce our carbon footprint and invest in alternative energy. The science is overwhelming: Climate change is real, it is caused by human activity and it needs to be stopped.

not happy

I am very concerned and want my community to cut greenhouse gas emissions!

Climate is my candidate

End over production, end profitable destruction of the environment, end the commodification of people's land, end racist pollution and end the never ending need to expand capital (ie capitalism)

We need to help our climate not hurt it.

We support putting a fee on carbon fuels that represents the cost of environmental damage caused by burning them. We actively support a carbon fee & dividend approach at the Federal level. That is, place a fee on carbon fuels where they enter the economy and return all of the proceeds in equal shares to residents. Please go to [citizensclimatelobby.org](http://citizensclimatelobby.org) for more information!

Climate change cannot be ignored, denied, or even stopped at this point. But its effects can be mitigated, and we can adapt.

I think it is time we stop arguing about whether or not to act. Let us be the leaders and take action against human-propelled climate change.

It's necessary and critical at this point.

I'm very concerned about climate change and believe this needs immediate and strong actions taken to help mitigate its impacts.

All of us need to do everything we can at every level. lgt has come down to self-preservation. Local governments are especially important, since national & to a lesser extent state govs are a WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY of the polluters. Changing personal habits, like use-once-&-throw-away, are crucial too.

Climate change is definitely a hazardous to the lives of everyone on the planet

I think it is important that local government, not just city but county and municipalities, stand for taking responsibility for implementing measures that will help in mitigating the effects of climate change.

It would be great if you spread the wisdom of knowing about the effects of climate change and being supportive of people who do.